

# Dilate

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Life used to be life-like  
Now it's more like showbiz  
I wake up in the night  
And I don't know where the bathroom is  
And I don't know what town I'm in  
Or what sky I am under  
And I wake up in the darkness and I  
Don't have the will anymore to wonder  
Everyone has a skeleton  
And a closet to keep it in  
And your mine  
Every song has a you  
A you that the singer sings to  
And you're it this time  
Baby, you're it this time

When I need to wipe my face  
I use the back of my hand  
And I like to take up space  
Just because I can  
And I use my dress  
To wipe up my drink  
I care less and less  
What people think  
And you are so lame  
You always dissappoint me  
It's kind of like our running joke  
But it's really not funny  
And I just want you to live up to  
The image of you I create  
I see you and I'm so unsatisfied  
I see you and I dilate

So I'll walk the plank  
And I'll jump with a smile  
If I'm gonna go down  
I'm gonna do it with style  
And you won't see me surrender  
You won't hear me confess  
'Cuz you've left me with nothing  
But I've worked with less  
And I learn every room long enough  
To make it to the door  
And then I hear it click shut behind me  
And every key works differently  
I forget everytime  
And forgetting defines me  
That's what defines me

When I say you sucked my brain out  
The English translation is I am in love with you  
And it is no fun  
But I don't use words like love  
'Cuz works like that don't matter  
But don't look so offended  
You know, you should be flattered  
And I wake up in the night

In some big hotel bed  
And my hands grope for the light  
And my hands grope for my head  
The world is my oyster  
The road is my home  
And I know that I'm better  
Off alone